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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0306

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJ: ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES BY THIRD COUNTRIES

REF: (A) OTTAWA 0284, (B) SINGAPORE 0198

1. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT  
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO TAKE 50 INDOCHINA REFUGEES  
FAMILIES PER MONTH.

2. IN SOCIAL CONVERSATION WITH RESIDENT SWEDISH CHARGE  
JANUARY 19 HE COMMENTED TO ME ON COOLNESS OF HIS RELATIONS  
WITH SINGAPOREANS. HE HAD FEW CONTACTS WITH GOS, HE SAID,  
AND HAD EVEN BEEN UNABLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH SENIOR  
SINGAPOREANS FOR VISITING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SWEDISH  
PRIME MINISTER. REMEMBERING PRIME MINISTER LEE'S HARSH  
COMMENTS ABOUT SWEDEN IN HIS JANUARY 12 CONVERSATION WITH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN (REF B), I REPLIED THAT  
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ONE REASON FOR SINGAPORE'S COOLNESS MIGHT BE REALTED  
TO GOS FEELING THAT SWEDEN WAS NOT DOING ITS SHARE  
FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEES, AND I REPEATED FOR HIS  
BENEFIT GIST OF PM LEE'S REMARKS. SWEDISH CHARGE  
AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE SOME BEARING ON SINGAPORE-  
SWEDISH RELATIONS, AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT CONFIDENTIALLY  
TO STOCKHOLM IN THOSE TERMS.

3. ON SAME SOCIAL OCCASION I RAISED REFUGEE QUESTION WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR, WONDERING WHY NORWAY COULD NOT TAKE SOME OF THEM. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR MUST HAVE NOTED MY EXPRESSION OF DISBELIEF WHEN HE EXPLAINED THAT NORWAY WOULD HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN TAKING IN REFUGEES. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS SUGGESTION ON TO OSLO.

4. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT WITH NEW CANADIAN OFFER AND THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR UNHCR AND USG TO PUT TOGETHER SOME FORM OF QUOTA ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO MEETING SINGAPORE'S CONDITION ON GUARANTEED ONWARD MOVEMENT TO OFFER REASONABLE CHANCE GOS WOULD OPEN TRANSIT CAMP. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL, OF COURSE, IF WE COULD FIND SOME MEANS, SHORT OF ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE, OF ASSURING GOS IN WRITING THAT NO REFUGEES WILL BE STRANDED PERMANENTLY IN SINGAPORE IF TRANSIT CAMP IS PERMITTED TO OPERATE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS. HOLDRIDGE

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